GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – IS&WR - Appointment of legal teams - Fees structure for appearances for matters on behalf of Andhra Pradesh before (i) KWDT-II and related SLPs before Hon'ble Supreme Court (ii) Supreme Court cases on Palar, Paragodu and Polavarm Water Disputes – Orders – Issued.

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4. Further, Government vide G.O.Rt. No. 579, WR (IS.EA) Dept., Dt: 24.12.2019, appointed Sri. P. Sudhakara Reddy, Additional Advocate General in the legal teams of Palar, Paragodu and Polavaram cases, with the same fee structure sanctioned to the former Advocate General, Sri D. Srinivas, as per G.O.Rt. No. 58, I&CAD (IS.EA) Dept Dt: 31.01.2015.

5. In the reference 1st read above, Sri G.Nageswara Reddy, Advocate on Record has furnished the proposals fixing schedule of fees proposed for 5 Members including an additional Member Sri M.S.R Srinivas, Advocate.

6. The Chief Engineer, IS&WR has furnished the proposals on appointment of legal teams and their fees structure along with logistics and general terms and conditions in the matters of Krishna, Polavaram, Palar , Paragodu Water disputes in Tribunal and Hon'ble Supreme Court from the date of their meetings/ conferences and appearances before Tribunals/ Hon'ble Supreme Court from the date of their conducting conferences / appearances to Tribunal/Supreme Court for appearances for matters on behalf of Andhra Pradesh before (i) KWDT-II and related SLPs before Hon'ble Supreme Court (ii) Supreme Court cases on Palar, Paragodu and Polavarm Water Disputes

7. The List of legal team members in the matters of KWDT-II and related SLP's before Hon'ble Supreme Court is as follows:-

1. Sri R. Venkata Ramani, Senior Advocate
2. Sri P. Sudhakara Reddy, Addl. Advocate General
3. Sri G. Nageswara Reddy, Advocate on Record, New Delhi
4. Sri G.Umapathy, Advocate, New Delhi
5. Sri M. R. S. Srinivas, Advocate, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh

8. The list of legal team members in the matters of Polavaram Water Disputes befor Hon'ble Supreme court is

1. Sri R. Venkata Ramani, Senior Advocate
2. Sri P. Sudhakara Reddy, Addl. Advocate General
3. Sri G. Nageswara Reddy, Advocate on Record, New Delhi
4. Sri G.Umapathy, Advocate, New Delhi

9. The list of legal team members in the matter of Palar and Paragodu Water disputes before Hon'ble Supreme Court

1. Sri R. Venkata Ramani, Senior Advocate
2. Sri P. Sudhakara Reddy, Addl. Advocate General
3. Sri G. Nageswara Reddy, Advocate on Record, New Delhi
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10. In the circumstances reported by the Chief Engineer, IS&WR in the reference read above, Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby accord permission to the Chief Engineer, IS&WR for appointment and approved fee structure/logistics/general terms and conditions and Head of Accounts as follows:

1. The fee structure of Sri R. Venkata Ramani, Senior Advocate

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1	Retainer fee	3,00,000/- per month
2	Fee for appearance before the Supreme Court, Tribunal or other forums	5,50,000/- per day
3	Conference fee - Outside Delhi	5,50,000/- per day
4	Site Inspection	5,50,000/- per day
5	Conference fee in Delhi	1,10,000/- per hour
6	Fee for settlement of IA / Counters	1,00,000/- per

		application or pleading etc.,
7	Fee for settlement of complaint / plaint/SLPs/ Written Submissions / Affidavit in evidence/Replies/ Rejoinders etc.,	2,50,000/- per pleading or affidavit etc.,
8	Clerkage	10% on professional fee

2. The fee structure of Sri G. Nageswara Reddy, Advocate on Record

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1	Retainer fee	55,000 per month
2	Fee for appearance before the Supreme Court, Tribunal or other forums	1,35,000/- per day
3	Fee for conference (other than Delhi)	1,35,000/- per day
4	Site Inspection	1,35,000/- per day
5	Conference fee at Delhi	40,000 /- per day
6	Photocopying of documents/pleadings as and when required to be filed before the tribunal	Actuals

3. The fee structure of Sri G. Umapathy, Advocate

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1	Retainer fee	50,000/- per month
2	Fee for appearance before the Supreme Court, Tribunal or other forums	1,25,000/- per day
3	Fee for conference (other than Delhi)	1,25,000/- per day
4	Site Inspection	1,25,000/- per day
5	Conference fee at New Delhi	35,000/- per day
6	Fee for drafting IA/Counters	30,000/- per application or pleading etc.,
7	Fee for drafting complaint / plaint / SLPs / Written Submissions / Affidavit in evidence / Replies / Rejoinders etc.,	70,000/- per pleading or affidavit etc.,

4. Sri. M. R. S. Srinivas, Advocate

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1	Retainer fee	50,000/- per month
2	Fee for appearance before the Supreme Court, Tribunal and other forums	1,25,000/- per day
3	Conference fee – Outside Vijayawada / Amaravathi and Hyderabad	1,25,000/- per day
4	Site Inspection	1,25,000/- per day
5	Conference fee at Vijayawada and Hyderabad	35,000/- per day
6	Fee for drafting IA / Counters	30,000/- per application or pleading etc.,
7	Fee for drafting complaint / plaint /	70,000/- per pleading

2.		SLPs / Written Submissions / Affidavit in evidence / Replies / Rejoinders etc.,	or affidavit etc.,

2. The logistics such as travelling, lodging, boarding and local conveyance shall have to be provided to the above legal team members are as follows:

1. During out station visits travelling, lodging and boarding in five star hotels or equivalent facilities will be provided (expenses as per actual) including local conveyance in out-station visits.

2. During out station visits to Delhi, accommodation in respect of Sri M.R.S.Srinivas, Advocate shall be made at A.P. Bhavan / suitable accommodation at Delhi.

3. During out station visits to the legal team members, Air Travel facilities will be provided in business class for Sri R. Venkata Ramani, Senior Advocate and in economy class for other Advocates including Additional Advocate General whenever feasible with prior approval of Chief Engineer, IS&WR and local conveyance will be provided at out station as per necessity.

3. The general terms and conditions are as follows:

1. All the Out Station, Site Inspection, Conferences and Appearances to KWDT-II, VWDT and Supreme Court etc., shall be with prior approval of Chief Engineer, IS&WR.

2. The Chief Engineer, IS&WR may be permitted to utilize the services of any one Advocate from the existing team members for assisting Senior Advocate, as per the necessity in each case in the matters of Polavaram, Palar and Paragodu issues, as suggested in Government Memo No.ICD01/155/2018-IS/EA, Dt:14.05.2019.

3. The Retainer Fee will be considered for only one Tribunal / Supreme Court, even though if the advocate attends more than one on behalf of GoAP.

4. The Appearance Fee to the Supreme Court / Tribunal will be considered for only one, even though if the advocate attends more than one appearance on the day. Further, Appearance fee in a matter includes prior or post conferences on the day.

5. The Conference fee will be considered for only one case, even though if the advocate attends more than one case on the day.

6. For outstation conferences and inspections, the fee shall be allowed for days of travel also to the Senior Advocates.

7. Local conveyance charges to IS&WR office, Railway Station and AirPort shall be borne by the Advocates at their respective stations.

8. The gist of discussions of the meetings / conferences with the advocates shall be entered in the Register maintained by the O/o Chief Engineer, IS&WR. The attendance of the Advocates appeared before the Tribunals / Hon'ble Supreme Court shall also be entered in the said Register maintained by the O/o CE, IS&WR.

4. The expenditure are chargeable to the following Head of Accounts:

1) Legal fee shall be debitable to "2700-Major Irrigation, 80-Genearl, MH 001-Director and Administration, SH-08, Chief Engineer, IS&WR, 280-Professional Services, 281-Pleader fees".

2) Legal fee & Logistics in respect of Polavaram Water Dispute shall be chargeable to the Polavaram Irrigation Project relevant Head of Account.

3) Logistics such as travel, lodging and boarding including local conveyance shall be debitable to "2700-Major Irrigation, 80-Genearl, MH 001-Director and Administration, SH-08, Chief Engineer, IS&WR, 200-Other Administrative expenses, 205-Accommodation and Travel (Non Employees)".

11. The Chief Engineer IS&WR shall take necessary action accordingly.

12. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their File No: FIN01-FMOOPC(WR3)/109/2019-FMO-WR-III, Computer No. 1067880, dated 13.01.2020.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ADITYA NATH DAS, IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT

To
The Chief Engineer, IS&WR, WRD, A.P.,
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The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
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The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Finance (FMU WR I) Department.
P.S. to Hon'ble Min. (WRD)
P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Water Resources Dept.

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